

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q87209

Masami KIKUCHI, et al.

Application No.: 10/529,549

Group Art Unit: 1794

Confirmation No.: 7916

Examiner: Matthew D MATZEK

Filed: March 29, 2005

For: ORIENTATED CARBON NANOTUBE COMPOSITE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
ORIENTATED CARBON NANOTUBE, AND, PRODUCED USING ORIENTATED
CARBON NANOTUBE COMPOSITE, PNEUMATIC TIRE, WHEEL FOR VEHICLE,
TIRE WHEEL ASSEMBLY AND DISK BRAKE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated February 11, 2008. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-10 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated February 11, 2008. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 1 is generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species B, a polymeric matrix for the carbon nanotube composite, on which claims 1, 2, and 7-10 are readable.

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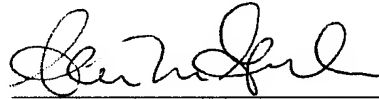
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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected claims.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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